

GIMSON TROPHY RULES 2015-16

Competition Controller (CC)

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1. All competitors must be paid-up Player Members of the EBU who meet the general LCBA conditions for participation in the Association's Members-only competitions for the year 2015-16.
2.
 - a) The competition is for pairs.
 - b) The competition shall comprise a qualifying round (the semi-final) and an all-play-all final.
 - c) The membership status of all entrants will be checked on receipt of entry. Any pair including an ineligible player will be disqualified rendering them unable to participate, unless such player(s) makes all payments necessary to become eligible and these payments are received by the CC before the semi-final (SF) starts.
 - d) The CC may allow a partnership to employ a substitute in the SF subject to meeting the conditions 2 (e) (i) to (iii) and no player with Prime Allegiance to another county being the substitute.
This regulation applies to substitution of a player for either the whole or for a part of the Semi-Final.
 - e)
 - i) The intended substantive partnership shall be declared at the time of making the entry.
 - ii) One player only in a partnership may be substituted for.
 - iii) No substitute may play for/in another partnership in the event
 - iv) To qualify to play in the Final a player must play at least half of the boards in the SF. If a duly entered player is unable to do this he is thereby disqualified, but if his substitute does play for at least half of the boards in the SF, he may (subject to satisfying the requirements of 2 c & d) be re-designated as the second substantive member of the partnership and qualify to play in the Final.
 - f)
 - i) The Director is permitted to permit a temporary substitution without penalty for up to 4 boards in the Final.
 - ii) He may allow a longer substitution in order to facilitate the smooth running of the event, but the pair will then play "without standing".
3.
 - a) Each player must provide a completed EBU 20/20A/20B style system card and hand this to the opponents for their use throughout each round. Pairs not having completed such cards should be furnished with EBU 20B style LCBA Simple System Standard English 2015 Cards and required to play in accordance with these until other personal EBU style cards are completed. WBF style cards may not be used.
 - b) Pairs with properly completed (2 paged) EBU 20 style system cards, may employ EBU Level 2 Permitted Agreements, as detailed in Section 6 of the 2015 Blue Book.
 - c) However pairs having properly completed full (4 paged) EBU 20A or 20B style system cards may also employ any Agreements permitted at Level 4, as detailed in Section 7 of the 2015 Blue Book.
4.
 - a) Any pair either wishing to appeal, or reserve the right to later appeal, against a decision of the Director or Scorer should inform the Director and the other pair of this and ensure that all relevant details of the hand and decision etc. are recorded on a witnessed statement before leaving the venue.
Whether the actual appeal is immediate or made later after reflection or consultation, it must be sent in writing by email or post, to the CC, within two days of the event.
 - b) If a psychic bid is reported to the Director, he shall, on request, record the details of the board on which it occurred, and report the matter to the CC for the attention of the Laws and Ethics SC of the LCBA. The Director may also record and similarly report any departure from the system that he considers should be brought to its attention.
5. All results shall be treated as provisional until confirmed by the CC after receipt of the records and the determination of any appeal.
6.
 - a) The winners of the competition will hold the Gimson Trophy for one year.
 - b) Subject to prime allegiance
 - (i) The leading three pairs will qualify to represent the county in the Corwen Trophy. Other pairs scoring over 50% in the Final will rank as reserves.
 - (ii) The winning pair & the runners-up will be invited to represent Leicestershire in a Midlands League 2016-17 match.
 - c) Monetary prizes of £80, £60, £40 and £20 will be awarded to the first four pairs in the Final. If none of these are won by non-expert pairs then a further prize of £20 will be awarded to the highest placed such pair, subject to this pair not finishing last in their field in the Semi-final.
The definitions of non-expert players/pairs/teams are kept on files held by the Tournament Secretary, the Competition Controller and LCBA Qualified Directors.
Ties will be split in accordance with standard EBU procedures.
7. The LCBA will award Local Master points on the Regional scale in the Semi-final and Green Points in the Final.
8.
 - a) Pairs MUST notify the CC if they wish to withdraw from the competition at any stage.
 - b) If the entry to the Semi-Final comprises an odd number of pairs, the Director may permit a standby pair to play "without standing".
 - c) Boards played by such a pair shall not be scored. Moreover all other pairs must be made aware of this in advance and advised that they may take a sit-out rather than play the pair that is without standing.
9.

Schedule:	Semi-final	Wednesday	6 April 2016	Rothley Centre	£4.00 per head;
	Final:	Sunday	24 April 2016	Greenfields	£6.00 per head.
10.
 - a) In the semi-final pairs will normally (see b) be placed without seeding into two fields by, subject to mobility requirements, the drawing of lots. The first seven pairs from each field will then qualify for the all play all Final.
 - b) However if necessary pairs may be placed into more fields, preferably four fields with four to qualify from each.
 - c) Reserves ranked in accordance with standard EBU procedures will be called to maintain a final of at least 7 full tables.